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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: NEXT STEPS ON SOUTH AFRICAN NUCLEAR PROBLEM
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REF: PRETORIA 6986

1. GLAD YOU WERE ABLE TO GET TO BRAND FOURIE SO QUICKLY.
SUBJECT TO YOUR GO-AHEAD, TEAM WILL PLAN TO ARRIVE JAN
SMUTS AIRPORT AT 2305 JANUARY 3 VIA PAN-AM 201.

2. THIRD TEAM MEMBER (FUEL EXPERT) WILL BE RICHARD A.
LEWIS, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, APPLIED PHYSICS DIVISION,
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ARGONNE NATIONAL LABORATORY. TEAM WOULD APPRECIATE
TRANSPORTATION FROM AIRPORT, 3 SINGLES WITH BATH FOR
NIGHTS OF JANUARY 3-10, AND OPPORTUNITY TO DROP OFF
CLASSIFIED MATERIAL AT EMBASSY FOR OVERNIGHT STORAGE
UPON ARRIVAL. TEAM TENTATIVELY PLANS DEPARTURE FROM
SOUTH AFRICA JANUARY 11.

3. WE WILL BE FORWARDING SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS FOR INTRODUCTORY PRESENTATION TO SAG, REINFORCING CONTEXT FOR VISIT WHICH YOU HAVE ALREADY ESTABLISHED WITH FOURIE. BRIEFLY, WE THINK IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT SOME OF THE CONCERNS RAISED IN VORSTER'S OCTOBER 12 LETTER ARE MULTILATERAL IN NATURE AND BEYOND OUR ABILITY TO CONTROL (ALTHOUGH WE THINK SAG'S RECENT, UNEVENTFUL PARTICIPATION IN INFCE MEETING IN VIENNA SHOULD REASSURE THE SAG ON

AT LEAST ONE OF THOSE CONCERNS). TEAM IS BEING SENT TO ADDRESS THOSE PARTICULAR CONCERNS RAISED BY VORSTER WHICH ARISE IN OUR BILATERAL NUCLEAR RELATIONS. IT IS ON THE BASIS OF OUR POSITIONS ON THESE LATTER CONCERNS THAT WE EXPECT THE SAG TO DECIDE ITS RESPONSE TO OUR REQUESTS FOR NPT ADHERENCE AND IMMEDIATE SAFEGUARDS ON VALINDABA. FYI, OUR CURRENT THINKING IS THAT IF THE SAG AGREES THAT OUR TECHNICAL PROPOSALS MEET ITS BILATERAL NUCLEAR CONCERNS, AND INDICATES THAT THE BASIS FOR RESOLUTION OF THE NUCLEAR PROBLEM EXISTS, SMITH WOULD BE PREPARED TO MEET SOMEWHERE WITH SAG OFFICIALS FOR DISCUSSIONS AIMED AT REACHING A FINAL AGREEMENT. THESE DISCUSSIONS COULD, OF COURSE, TOUCH ON THE RANGE OF ISSUES RAISED BY VORSTER. VANCE

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